

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement

In the Office Action the Examiner notes that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of March 4, 2004 was not in compliance with the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and therefore not considered. Applicant would like to clarify on the record that all of the references of the March 4, 2004 IDS were resubmitted with the IDS of February 10, 2006. All of the references listed on the PTO Form SB08 of February 10, 2006, which were the same as the references submitted on the PTO Form 1449 of March 4, 2004, were initialed by the Examiner on August 7, 2006. As such, no further action is needed by the Applicant and all references have been properly submitted and considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 13, 14 and 17 are allowable over the prior art and that the claims would be allowed upon cancellation of the withdrawn subject matter. Withdrawn claims 1-12 and 15-16 have been cancelled herein.

In addition, entry of the foregoing and favorable reconsideration of the subject application, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested. Claim 17 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

From the foregoing, favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, Ph.D., Reg. No. 40,069 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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